

REMARKS

Figs. 49 and 53 have been amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors, without adding new matter. Approval is requested.

Claims 10-11 stand rejected under § 112. In response, claim 10 has been amended to include several additional components and the term “anisotropically”. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under § 102 on the basis of Clerc ‘028. Applicants traverse this rejection of claim 1 because the reference does not disclose (or suggest) the combination of $\lambda/4$ plates and the alignment division of amended claim 1.

The problem of the alignment-divided liquid crystal display device is described from page 3, line 16 to page 4, line 8. The problem is particularly illustrated in Fig. 4, and the embodiment to solve the problem is illustrated in Figs. 1-3 and 4-28.

Clerc ‘028 discloses a liquid crystal display device including $\lambda/4$ plates, but it does not appear to disclose the alignment division feature of amended claim 1. The reference also does not suggest the problem which the present invention aims to solve, nor the solution of the present invention. For these reasons, withdrawal of this rejection of claim 1 and dependent claims 3-5 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 also stands rejected on the basis of Clerc. Applicants have amended claim 6 in light of this rejection, and respectfully traverse because the reference does not disclose or suggest electrically conductive linear structures that protrude with respect to a substantially flat surface of an electrode, as in amended claim 6.

The new feature of claim 6 is shown in Figs. 31-36. These electrically conductive linear structures are different from the electrode of the cited reference. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 also stands rejected on the basis of Clerc. Claim 7 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1, and withdrawal of this rejection (and the rejection of dependent claim 8) is requested for the reasons given with respect to claim 1.

Claim 9 stands rejected under § 103 on the basis of Clerc '028, Harris '916 and Arakawa '538. Applicants traverse this rejection for the reasons given with respect to independent claim 7.

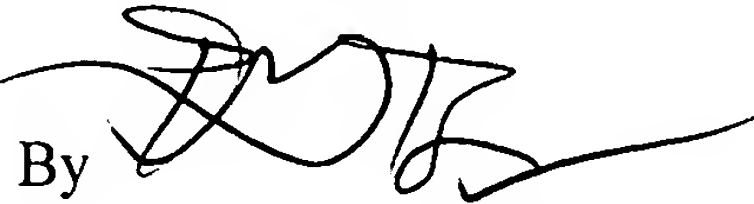
Claims 10-11 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Noritake '981, Mitsui '791 and Hayashi '793. In response, claim 10 has been amended to recite a transmissive type liquid crystal display device, among other things. Applicants traverse this rejection because, while Mitsui and Hayashi show a film used in a reflective type liquid crystal display device, the object and solution and anisotropic scattering film of the present invention are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested..

Claims 14-16 have been added, and are based on the embodiment of Fig. 53. The features of the first to third optical plates are explained with respect to Fig. 49. The first and third optical plates correspond to films 52, 54 and 56. The film 56 fundamentally shows the refractive indices as recited in claim 14.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig.49A

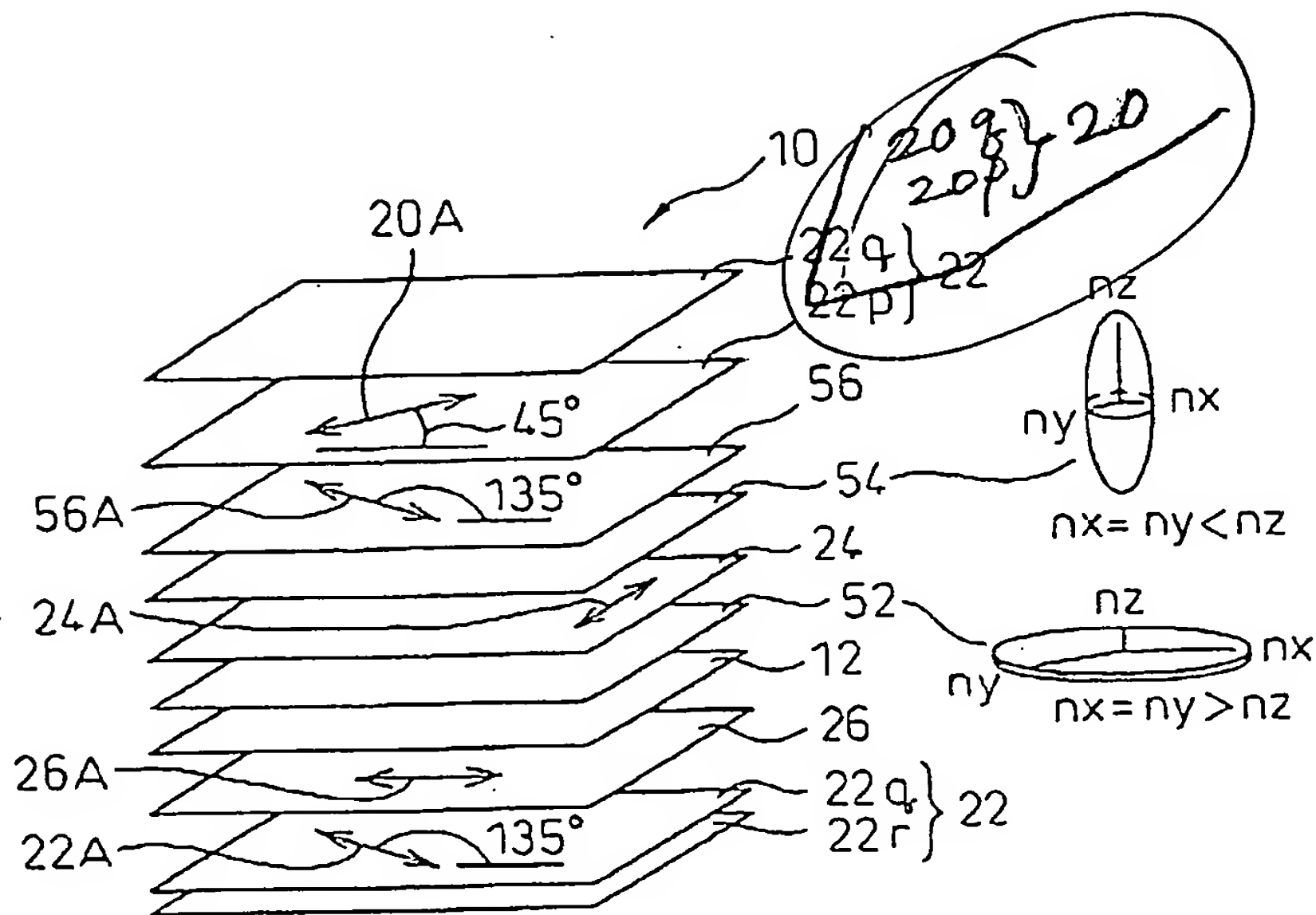


Fig.49B

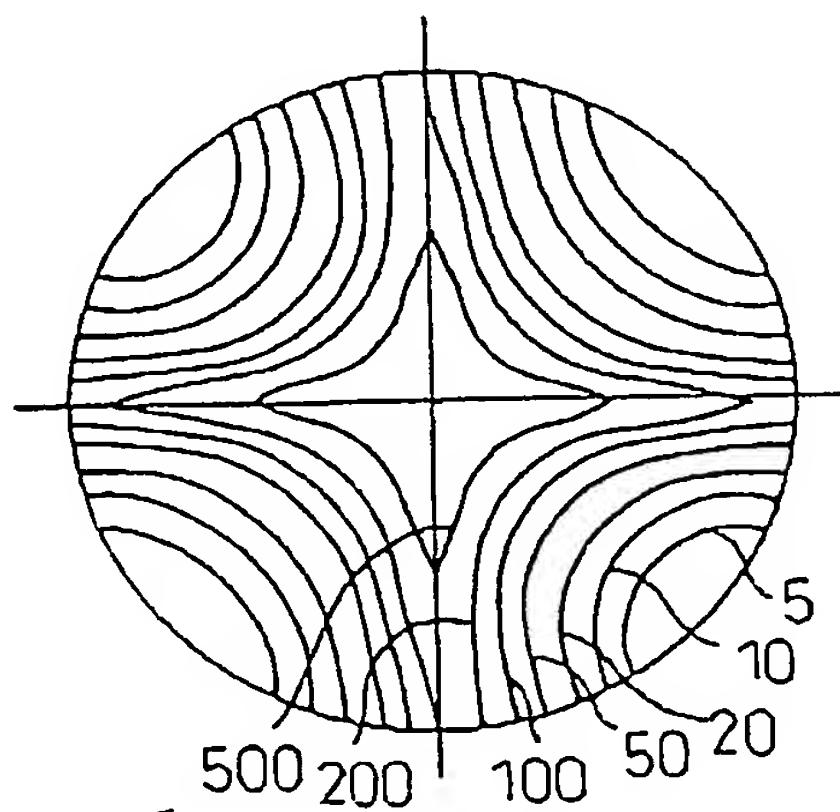
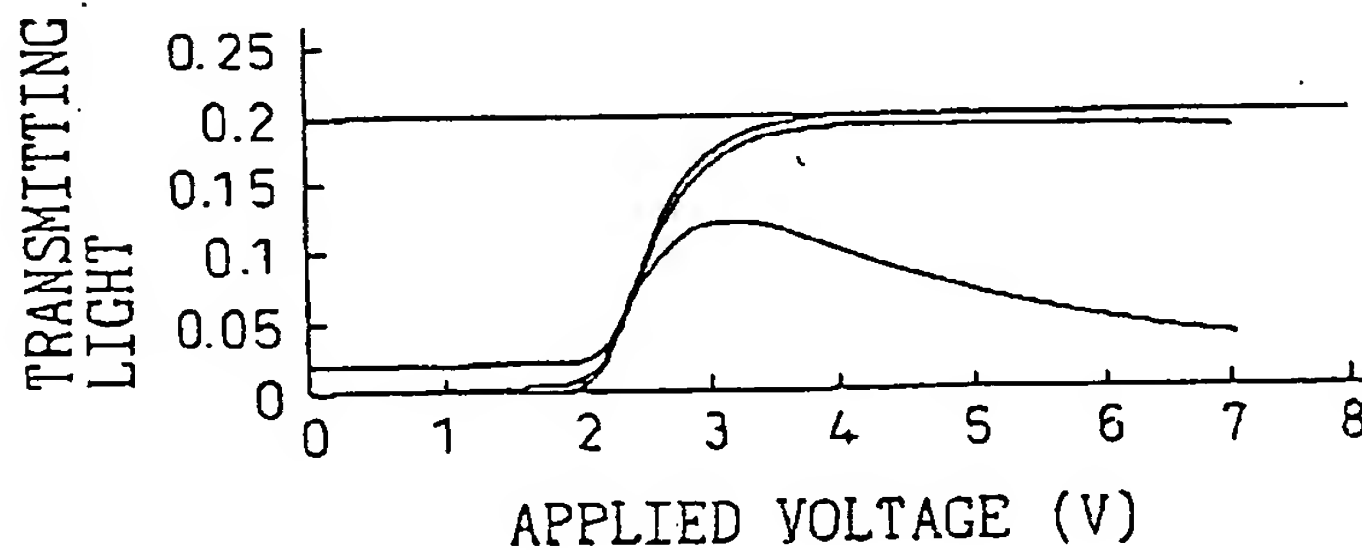


Fig.49C




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